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DUTY—TRUST.

By August Drahms.

God, is life's duty well performed—the task
Thou gavest me well done? Ah! This the meed:
And this the joy above all man-made creed:
To know that I have done what Thou dost ask.
The sneers of men, the cruel thrust,—the sting
Of the imperious Will while spirits shrink,
And, trembling, stand upon the crumbling brink
Where hope lies dead, and faith alone finds wing.
And what is life? To will?—to do?—to gain?—
To triumph over might—to conquer pain?—
But this were self,—and self is but to die.
This nobler far: When hope lies prone in dust
To still live on, and in its ashes trust.
This, this the tie that binds us to the sky.

A JUST TRIBUTE.

Gaius Glenn Atkins of the First Congregational Church of Detroit in his church bulletin gives tribute to a great Christian leader:

"Bishop Williams' death takes from amongst us a great and vital Christian leader. He will be appraised from many different points of view for both American and English Christianity will be deeply sensible of his loss, but we of another ecclesiastical order may gratefully bear our testimony to the true catholicity of his spirit and his rich humanity. He was broad as the Christian faith. He met all communions with a gracious brotherhood which made him a trusted counsellor in every situation and a leader whom we followed not for his office but for his essential wisdom and truth.

"His passion for a juster world was as great as human need, his courage and unselfishness were conspicuous, he was simple in temper and habit as the great are always. He stood four-square to all the winds that blow and was, by the ordination of the spirit of God, the shepherd and bishop of our souls. He had come to be a part of us all and our spiritual horizons will be empty without him as if a hill to which we had long lifted up our eyes were suddenly gone."

IN THE LIGHT OF ETERNITY.

It is the small frictions of life producing nervous irritation that destroy the fineness of friendship and prevent putting fine finish on work. What is needed is some big inspiration constantly operating in life, something big enough to make all small things seem small. So the man who has formed the daily practice of immorality has that within his life which makes small annoyances seem to be the petty things they really are. He has taken the long look toward that far horizon against which no trifle can loom up large. He has put himself under the steadying spell of eternity.—Dean Bosworth.

NOT LEAVING THE MINISTRY.

The newspapers are not regarded universally as truth-tellers. Too many of them seek a sensation; and if they do not find one, create it. Dr. Charles L. Kloss complains justly that the papers about the Bay have not been fair with him.

He writes: "I am not leaving the ministry, nor repudiating in the slightest degree the work which I have tried to do for thirty-eight years. It has been with me a growing hope to enter a more intensive and unconventional ministry. I hope to qualify as a doctor of sick churches, and offer my services to that end. The sicker, the deader the church, the better; salary no object; the only stipulation that the field be not overchurched."

Dr. Kloss will close his pastorate at Plymouth in June, after which he will conduct a private tour to Europe.

His church in accepting his resignation expressed great gratitude for his inspiring ministry during the five years he has been with them, "for his wisdom and example which have kept the church in all its relationships sweet and happy."

Dr. Kloss' service to Plymouth and to all our Bay Congregationalism has been great; he found the church in financial straits, but through his earnest efforts and loyalty he has been able to bring them out of "financial distress until now our burden of debt is neglible."

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NEVER DID I DREAM.

I never thought that I should walk
In ecstasy the streets of town,
Or find a heart more beautiful
Than red leaves fluttering down.

I did not know archangels pass
In human guise among the trees;
And never, never, did I dream
That I should walk with these.

But by my side one went today;
I saw, and I had speech with him:
And I forgot, who ne'er forgot,
How cold are streets, how grim!

THE ENGLISH NEWSPAPER.

The daily press of England carries a large amount of religious articles and discussions. Dean Inge writes for the Evening Standard; T. R. Glover, author of "The Jesus of History," for the Daily News, and Henry Jowett for the Daily Telegraph.

Prof. Glover has been discussing "Jesus Christ and the Old Testament"; in one article he says: "The traditionalists and some other critics are like the people condemned by Jesus for tithing mint and cummin and forgetting the big things. Jesus bore witness to the Old Testament, not by forbidding modern views of its authorship. He read the Old Testament; he knew a great deal of it by heart; he understood it, and quoted it, not as scribes and lawyers and even Christian apologists did, for the word, but for the spirit."

HISTORIC CHURCH BURNS.

On the last Sunday morning of January the church of Oregon City, Oregon, was totally destroyed by fire, supposed to be of incendiary origin. The fire was discovered about 5 o'clock in the morning and was so far advanced that nothing of value could be removed to safety. There was an insurance of $10,000 on the building and $1,000 on the contents.

At the annual roll-call of the church on February 8th, while the people were sorrowful over the loss of the building they were not disheartened. It is their purpose to put up a more modern structure in a new location, on the hill away from the disturbing noise of the railroad, that runs just back of the old building.

Rev. O. W. Lucas was pastor of the church when the old building was erected; and the structure was always regarded as a memorial of his fine ministry there.

DOES THIS ACCOUNT FOR IT?

Low ideals account for low conduct. If a man have some noble purpose, some high goal of service, his life is exalted. It is the Law.

When Roscoe Arbuckle of unsavory reputation said that his highest ambition was to make people laugh, did he not reveal the secret of his weakness and failure? One must aim high, else he will strike low.

Miss Maude Royden who was the preaching assosociate of Fort Newton in the City Temple, London, is on her second visit to this country. She will come as far west as Omaha. She is an English Episcopalian, but her church allows her no privilege in the pulpit. This entrance into the ministry she has through the Congregational church. She is by far the leading woman preacher of the world; she has a remarkably fine spirit and a winning way. Crowds are attending her ministry in this country, many not being able to gain admission.

A Committee on Public Relations, advisory to Will Hays, the Movie "Czar," which is composed of delegates from the churches, advises Mr. Hays to recommend to the Picture Industry that they shall not exhibit any picture in which Roscoe Arbuckle appears. Mr. Arbuckle says he will not appear on the screen, but we would rather have Mr. Hays' word for it.

THE THIRD CONFERENCE.

The Pacific School of Religion has already held two conferences of pastors with so much success that it plans a third to be held on March 13, 14 and 15.

The program which is mailed to all ministers of Northern California is prophetic of great sessions. The school lays all the churches under deep obligation. Carl S. Patton of Los Angeles is to give four Earl Lectures upon "What is Fundamental."

Richard LaRue Swain, author of "What and where is God," is to lecture three times at the Conference; Dean Shailer Mathews of Chicago will also speak three times; and Mr. McCall of the Berkeley First Church is to speak three times.

This is a fine and attractive outlay; but added to it will be the earnest discussions and the glorious fellowship. Ample time will be allowed for an-

swering any questions that may be asked.

The management of the School announce that they are prepared to offer lodging and breakfast without price to any who may desire it, but they ask that they be notified as soon as possible. The invitation is to ministers of all denominations.

Plans are already making to have T. R. Glover of Cambridge, author of "The Jesus of History," to be with the School next fall.

DOES GOD PUNISH SIN?

Miss Lily Dougall thinks not. She says also that Jesus evidently had such a conception of God as to make it impossible that He should inflict punishment. Sin is punished of course; everybody knows that, the sinner knows it better than anyone else. But that sin suffers its consequences is not, according to Miss Dougall, a proof that God Himself punishes.

The idea of God as Judge and Afflicter of souls saturates the Jewish thought. But the Jewish thought (we are condensing Miss Dougall's statements) is not the thought of Jesus. He got a new and higher conception of God. Although he was brought up in the midst of this Jewish environment, which really was an Old Testament environment, he never was biased by it; his view of God was never clouded; his confidence in the love of God not only for himself but for all the world was never in slightest degree weakened by the "hardness" of the current belief.

For two centuries before the birth of Jesus, in all the literature of the Jews "the main idea associated with God is that of discipline and judgment. Nothing happens to man by chance, and the operation of natural law is scarcely recognized. In this world God sends many afflictions to the righteous; He inflicts considerable torture on the righteous in this life. . . His judgment (for sinners) is final; His vengeance upon them is terrible and implacable."

Over against that idea Miss Dougall places the thought of Jesus; Jesus gives us a different picture of the Supreme Being. "The greatest of all discoveries is the knowledge of God's true character; such a discovery would be the remaking of man; I believe that such a discovery was made by the historic Jesus, and by him made for the first time, although many partial discoveries of God had been made earlier."

That discovery, that revelation was that God was not Judge, nor the Afflicter of men's souls; but that He was and is the Father of all souls. The Father! that is Jesus' distinctive word. It is remarkable how he used that word, how often he used it. God was always Father. No other man before Jesus had used that word in that way. In the mind of Jesus God seemed never to be anything else but the Father of All. This was the major chord, the fundamental theme running all through the teaching and the praying and the confidence of the Son of Man. "Our Father in Heaven."

Thoughtful readers will enjoy and profit by this book which is produced under the joint authorship of Lily Dougall and Cyril Emmet; "The Lord of Thought." It is what its subtitle declares it to be— "A study of the problems which confronted Jesus Christ, and the solution He offered." The writers take up for full consideration the Jewish thought and writing for the two hundred years preceeding Jesus' birth, the actual environment of beliefs into which Jesus was born; and then with great justice and care they show what was his attitude toward this environment of thought, and how he delivered himself from all that was untrue in it, and that contradicted his supreme message, which was that God is the Father of all men everywhere. (The Lord of Thought; George H. Doran Co., New York.)

AN UNCOMPLAINING DISCIPLE.

He has lived among us the life of a quiet, patient servant of God. God called him to his reward on January 24th in the 84th year of his life.

Rev. Henry William Mercer was born in London, England, on July 13, 1839; he graduated at Hackney Theological College, and was ordained to the Congregational ministry in England on April 18, 1865. He held pastorates in England, and in 1883 came to the United States, where he has preached in Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Washington. He is survived by seven children, all living in San Francisco.

This is a record which on the face of it is honorable; but underneath, if one could only read between the lines, is evidence of unusual earnestness and patience and service. In a conversation not many months ago he remarked that the largest salary he ever received, and that not for long, was $800, and the smallest was $300 and yet upon this meager income he raised and educated a family of seven children. Is there not something in this to revere?

Smiling in a whimsical fashion he went on to say that he seemed to be best off when he got the smallest salary; then he had four preaching stations, he rented a small farm and house at a nominal price, they had fruit trees, they raised vegetables, they had a cow and hens, "and we managed to get along fairly well."

A noble soul; an uncomplaining soul; a true disciple; a worthy follower of the Master.

Prof. Daniel H. Colcord of the Pomona College faculty passed away on February 11th at 72 years of age. For a generation he was Professor of the Latin Language and Literature; he began service with the college when it was hardly two years old. He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter.

MR. McCALL ANSWERS QUESTIONS.

Resurrection of Body.

"What is meant by 'the resurrection of the body?'"

"To a similar question in May I answered that it is an ancient sentence from the Creed, framed at a time when men thought that the Bible taught that the actual body which is buried is destined to rise again at 'the last day.' Most authorities today feel as Paul said, 'there is a natural body and there is a spiritual body,' and that the natural body 'returns to earth as it was,'—to quote another Bible writer.

At the same time, there is resident in that passage from the Creed an idea which is so true that the phrase becomes almost appropriate, and that is: that the whole personality of man; everything that is himself, persists beyond the grave. The man's essential self is spiritual, not physical: but in affirming the resurrection of the body the Creed, whilst probably blundering in that, yet does involve the deeper and more important idea.

Fundamentalists.

"Is the controversy between the Fundamentalists and the Evolutionists likely to advance Christianity? Is it not possible the Evolutionists may yet be shown to be wrong? and is appeal to the Bible not sufficient to settle the dispute?"

"The controversy is much wider than between the Fundamentalists and the Evolutionists, many who are not evolutionists in scientific opinion yet having a decided controversy with the Fundamentalists. Fundamentalists are raising a scare cry in America, trying to stampede us from certain richer views of truth to which God has led us, back to poorer. The things they name as fundamental are very much too small to be any such thing; their ideas of God are parochial.

Many are sure to disagree with them, for their attitude to truth can only spell mental and religious stagnation. Their prototypes in the fourteenth century were resisted by Wycliffe and Huss; in the sixteenth by Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Knox; in the seventeenth by the Pilgrim Fathers; in the eighteenth by Wesley and Jonathan Edwards; in the nineteenth by a shining host of saints and scholars and it is not surprising that in the twentieth century there should still be found many to say them nay, for, evolution quite apart, theirs is an attitude of mind to which no progressive thinker can assent.

But my questioner asks three questions: (1) I think there is some danger of the controversy between Fundamentalists and Evolutionists bringing Christianity into temporary disrepute by sending the impression broadcast that a Christian dare not look scientific facts in the face; in the long run, however, it should aid the conviction to which increasing numbers are moving, that Science and Religion in reality have no quarrel. (2) It is just possible the Evolutionists may yet be shown to be wrong, although the evidence seems to be accumulating in the other way. Einstein thinks our theory of gravitation is wrong, but what has that or evolution to do with religion? (3) Appeal to the Bible is not enough to settle any scientific question, any more than an appeal to a History of the United States could be expected to settle a dispute in medicine. The Bible's function is religion, not science; it speaks with authority upon affairs of God and the soul, but it has not been given authority upon stars and rocks.

Those who seek to make the sacred book a sort of text-book in science simply reduce both themselves and the Book to ridicule, and so shake its authority in religion as well. In God's name, and in the fair name of the Book, let sanity prevail!"

THE CHURCH AND THE FARMER.

A fine example of co-operation by the church in community interests was given at Cloverdale, Cal., when the local Farm Center members and their wives were the guests of the church at a dinner in the church parlors on Wednesday evening, January 31st. Those who gathered around the tables and enjoyed the bountiful dinner prepared by the ladies numbered over one hundred, including a majority of the members of the Farm Center.

After dinner the director of the Farm Center presided and an interesting program was presented, with co-operation as its central topic. H. A. Weinland, Farm Adviser for Sonoma County, spoke with regard to the Farm Bureau, an exceedingly interesting motion picture film on the subject of culture was presented, and Prof. R. L. Adams of the University of California spoke concerning the community of interest between the farmers and the townspeople of any section and the necessity of co-operation for their mutual benefit. The address was illustrated by a number of slides showing conditions in various parts of California and brought out the thought that land should be held in trust for future generations and that farm management should be on business principles and should result in increase of value.

The meeting was the third in a series of midweek "Church Nights" that have been held by this church, beginning with the annual meeting on January 16th, at which time plans were adopted looking toward a year of distinct advance along the lines of church membership, benevolences and Sunday School growth. The second meeting on January 23rd was a social evening, when in an informal way the old settlers of the community were greeted by the church and told of the early days. Rev. L. D. Rathbone is pastor.

THINKING STRAIGHT.

The minister, the lawyer, the writer, the teacher—ll people who have to use their heads—would rofit exceedingly by a careful perusal of Lord iddle's "Some Things that Matter," (George H. oran Company, New York.)

Lord Riddle is a clear writer. He was, we beeve in charge of all the newspaper agencies at the Vashington Conference. That ought to be enough show his type of mind. In this compact volume f about 200 pages, he has said many an important ning. One can scarcely find a page that is not eeming with wisdom.

Take his titles for instance: How to Concentrate; ow to read; The art of public speaking; How to ink; How to find things out. His discussion of vidence and the arrival at fair judgments is matter at would be good to bring to the notice of every oung man and woman. Many people confuse facts nd inferences. A common fault is to declare somening to be proven when it is only inferred, and the nference may be absolutely false. A good book this have lying on the center table for a nibble now nd then.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

The Central Church of Winnepeg, Canada, Rev. eorge Laughton, pastor, has been celebrating its ortieth anniversary. John B. Silcox was pastor of at church in those early days, and he preached the nniversary sermon to a great congregation on "The udacious Ministry." At one of the celebration meetngs he re-delivered his famous lecture on "Grip and rit." Former pastors of the church were frequentmentioned with appreciation, among whom are ames L. Gordon and Hugh Pedley.

The Yucaipa Church, of which Chester Ferris is astor, has had a good year, making gains in various irections. The school truck has been engaged to ake trips from the South Bench Sunday mornings, ppreciably increasing the attendance at church hool and morning service. A junior congregaon holds the children in the first half hour of urch worship, and then gathers them for instruction with their superintendent in the social hall. A rotherhood has been organized with very encouring membership, holding monthly meetings, with nner and inspiring program, and plans for service.

The church at Sacramento has sold its downwn property for $35,000. The membership is full enthusiasm and courage to build a new structure their lots in a more residential part of the city. ev. Robert Porter has been supplying the church hile it has been without a pastor; and has been reaching some very strong and uplifting sermons. A bright future surely awaits this church as soon as it gets into the new location.

Charles S. Greene, the clerk of the First Church of Oakland, in making his annual report to the members, says: The church had on January 1, 1923, 621 men and 1,116 women on its roll, making a total membership of 1,737. During the year 1922 there were added 77 new names, but the losses were 80 in all. The baptisms during the year were: Boys and men, 25; girls and women, 12. Ten new members were received into the church on the first Sunday in February.

When Rev. N. L. Packard came a year ago from Nebraska to the church at Arvin he found a little band of 33 members constituting the community Congregational church. Since then he has added 26 new members. The Sunday School now has an average attendance of 80; and the congregations often run as high as 100.

The Broadmoor church at San Leandro was recognized by council on Friday evening, February 23. The sermon of recognition was preached by President Herman F. Swartz, and the charge to the people was given by Superintendent Minchin. The church was organized with 39 members. This movement was inaugurated in the fall of 1921 by Secretary Royce and Superintendent Dodge. The church is holding its Sunday services in a tent under the leadership of Mr. Dodge.

The church at Oroville, W. J. Johnson, pastor, dedicated a beautiful pipe organ on Sunday, February 18th. It was manufactured by the Hall Organ Company of West Haven, Conn. It has two manuals and pedals, and something over 700 pipes. The pastor preached the sermon of dedication.

The Niles church has purchased a supply of Pilgrim Hymnals, to replace a book which has been in use in the church since its organization.

A campaign for a new $500,000 building for the Wilshire Congregational church in Los Angeles is under way, according to announcement by Rev. Frank Dyer, pastor of the church. The new structure is to be located at Wilshire and Plymouth boulevards, is to be a combination of the Spanish and Colonial styles of architecture.

YOU MAY TAKE YOUR PICK.

G. Campbell Morgan, the evangelist, will be in Seattle, March 18-30 and will hold meetings in the First Baptist church. Arrangements for his visit were made by Wm. S. Allen, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and a committee of prominent laymen of different denominations. They made the mistake of not consulting the ministers of the large churches when making their plans and, as a result, the First

Methodist church will hold independent meetings during this period, leading up to Easter, and Plymouth church has engaged Shailer Matthews to hold meetings there at the same time.

As Mr. Morgan and Dean Matthews represent opposite extremes in theology, the situation is considered by many to be very unfortunate. The First Presbyterian church will support the Morgan meetings.

THE MENACE OF THE TURK.

By Bishop Edgar Blake, Paris, France.

The threatening element in the situation is not the Turk but what is behind him. If England and France and Italy had had to deal only with the forces of Mustapha Kemal, they would have made short work of them. They would have been told to stay in Asia, and there they would have stayed. What gives power to the Turk is the fact that he is sustained and supported by a practically solid Mohammedan world of 250,000,000 people.

From India to Morocco the Moslems are united. They are powerful, arrogant, and determined. In spite of their political divisions and racial differences their faith is one. And that faith is the unifying and moving power in the Moslem world. When the news of Kemal's victory in Smyrna was flashed over the world, every Mohammedan mosque was crowded with worshipers giving thanks for the victory that had come to Allah.

In the Moslem stronghold of Alexandria a great procession was organized and the followers of Mohammed paraded the streets of the city carrying a broken crucifix at the head of their procession. Turkey's victory was hailed as the triumph of the crescent of Mohammed over the cross of Christ. Turkey is a Moslem spearhead thrust at the heart of Europe, a constant menace and threat. (The Abingdon Press.)

PSYCHICS.

With regard to Dr. Coue and his cult, the Christian Century says, that his success is largely among what are called "chronics"; or what some doctors call "psychics or neurasthnics." The editor goes on to remark: "Coue has not originated anything. He has applied a method known to the world of science for the past half century and more. He mixes up no religious dogma with his work. With the skepticism of the typical Frenchman he says he never has lost his religion since he never had any though he is a nominal Catholic. His theories and popular clinics are considerably disturbing to the Christian Scientists." People of intelligence will not see much difference between Coueism and Eddyism.

HERE AND THERE.

February 11th, Lincoln Sunday, was used in South as Race Relations Sunday, on which rep sentatives from the white and colored churches changed fraternal visits. There are 700 counties the South in which there are Race-Relations c mittees at work, bringing about better personal titudes.

The Baptist church in one southern state propo to excommunicate any member who does not pr tice the Golden Rule. How much more sensi that is, and Christian too, than punishing Christi for believing in evolution. Per contra, a teac in a Baptist college in Missouri has been expel because he does not believe in the devil.

"If you have a private stock, or serve wine your home, and then tell your boy to respect laws of the land, he will know you are a hypocrit says Timothy Stone, pastor of a wealthy Presby rian church in Chicago. Some ministers might that with impunity, because there would be no in their congregation to resent such talk; but Stone's congregation is different.

A promising movement toward union of deno inations is in progress in Cleveland. The Pres tery there has voted to ask the Congregationali to "consider the organic union of the two bodie That Presbytery has 53 churches, some of them strongest in America; it has a long history of s cessful work in this country and a fine mission record abroad.

Rev. D. J. Bradley, recently a graduate of the cific School of Religion, has been having rema able success at Webster Groves, Missouri. budget of the church now is $15,700; the salary the minister has been raised to $4,800; a new p sonage has been purchased, and a band of me bers have pledged a fund of $40,000 for reconstr tion of the equipment.

Prof. Samuel B. McComb, of the Episcopal T ology School, Cambridge, Mass., writes in the Chr tian Century: "With the recognition formally officially pronounced of the validity of the n Episcopal ordination, the most serious obstacle reunion will be swept out of the way. The strong men in the ministry of the Episcopal church convinced that wherever Christian ministers h been set apart to their office by prayer and by l ing on of hands by other accredited Christian ficials who by their action intended to carry the will of Christ, we must acknowledge that essentials of ordination have been supplied and ministry so constituted must be deemed a genu organ of the church of Christ."

THE GREAT ADVENTURE

By Robert Underwood Johnson.

I who am a lover of brown paths that lead into deep, cloistered forests,
Happy if only they bend, like vagabond thoughts, to new vistas
I, who see never the tangle of musical and glistening waters
Unmoved by desire to companion them on to the goal of all streamlets
I, who in boyhood would race with the round, drifting clouds of the June-time
Coveting all that they whisper to mortals of voyage and vision;
I, who was transced by the call of the Walkyrie storm in the midnight,
Awed by the pageant of stars and the vanishing glory of rainbows—
How can I fear the Unknown, the zest of the night and the morning!

I, who meet strangers as possible friends to be sought for and cherished,
Knowing that once the most cherished of friends was a possible stranger;
I, to whom each is a ship on a virginal sea, within hailing,
Craving some news of the port, some correction of chart or of compass;
I, tempted to good or to bad by a venturous quest after beauty,
Sure it alone will remain beyond our illusions and changes;
I, who in time of dismay believe that all wrong is forgetting,
That Man is no plaything of Fate, to be broken, discarded, and wasted—
How can I fear the Unknown, the hope and the friend of the fearful!

I, who see Love as the gift of all gifts, as an instinct of beauty,
Stirring the lowest to climb to his dream on the far-seeing summit;
Law as the bond of the stars; Need as the thirst of the human;
Nothing as good for ourselves that is not the birthright of others:—
How, in the candor of night, can I shrink from the Power that gave us
Heart for the joy and the struggle, mind to engage with the darkness,
Little by little revealing the prints of His footsteps eternal?
Think you that all shall be told, that the last day is naught but a curtain?
Hail to the Mystery Glorious, the path of our greatest and dearest.

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GILBERT CHESTERTON ON PROHIBITION.

I went to America with some notion of not discussing prohibition. But I soon found that well-to-do Americans were only too delighted to discuss it over the nuts and wine. They were even willing if necessary to dispense with the nuts. I am far from sneering at this; having a general philosophy which need not here be expounded, but which may be symbolized by saying that monkeys can enjoy nuts but only men can enjoy wine.

"But if I am to deal with prohibition there is no doubt of the first thing to be said about it. The first thing to be said about it is that it does not exist. It is to some extent enforced among the poor; at any rate it was intended to be enforced among the poor; though even among them I fancy that it is much evaded. It is certainly not enforced among the rich; and I doubt whether it was intended to be."

CONFUCIUS ON FRIENDSHIP.

There are three friendships which are advantageous and three which are injurious:

Friendship with the upright, friendship with the sincere, and friendship with the man of observation—these are advantageous.

Friendship with the man of specious airs, friend ship with the insinuatingly soft, and friendship with the glib of tongue—these are injurious.

If it were possible, as we try in our futility to do, so to safeguard our lives that we should never know what sorrow is, we should wake up wondering what had happened to our joys.—F. W. Norwood in City Temple.

Burbank has pithily remarked: I have worked and climbed, but the destination is not nearly so glorious as the journey.

NEWS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

Rev. C. Y. Wigfall accepted a call to Vancouver, Washington, and began work February 11th.

Rev. R. K. Anderson goes to the Touchet-Burbank rural parish.

Rev. H. O. Jones accepted a call to Blaine, beginning February 1st.

Rev. Archibald MacDonald has resigned at Bellevue and has become pastor of the Alki church, Seattle.

Rev. A. D. Shaw, Ph. D., of Lopez Island, has been called to Pasco.

New interest in city work is being manifested by Tacoma, as indicated by the formation recently of a City Extension Commission.

The church at Ferndale has come to self-support.

Rev. F. W. Hodgdon of Boston and Rev. J. K. Lyman of Marash will make the tour of the six local associations of Washington, attending their spring meetings, the first of which will be held the first Tuesday after Easter.

The campaign to raise subscriptions for the new building to be erected by our Columbia church, Seattle, opened in February, with about $7,000 already pledged.

Four thousand dollars have recently been spent on an addition to our church building at Kalama. This church is without a pastor and appears to have no one definitely in view.

Rev. Francis Wrigley celebrated his fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into the ministry at Sylvan, where he closed his work the first of the year. The church tendered hm a dinner and reception.

Dr. F. J. Van Horn was installed pastor of the First church, Tacoma, January 17th. The sermon was preached by C. J. Hawkins, the right hand of fellowship tendered by Joel Harper, charge was given by E. L. Smith, and the installing prayer offered by Edgar C. Wheeler.

The new church building at Colville was dedicated February 4th. The sermon was delivered by Joel Harper, pastor of Westminster church, Spokane, and the dedicatory prayer was offered by L. O. Baird. Rev. J. M. Huggins is the pastor. At a fellowship supper, which followed the dedication, addresses were made by Rev. Amos A. Doyle and Rev. C. L. Williams, former pastors of that church.

MESA TO BUILD LARGER.

Members of the Mesa Congregational church, Los Angeles, have taken the first steps toward the actual building of a new $40,000 church on their corner site at Fifty-four street and Sixth avenue. Plans for the structure were announced following a forceful sermon by the Rev. Thomas Lutman, new pastor of the church.

Seeing that every seat in the present church taken and that the aisles were crowded with e chairs, Rev. N. R. Riwell, pastor emeritus, nounced when the plans were disclosed that new edifice must be constructed at once.

THE CLAREMONT CHURCH.

A six-weeks School of Missions has been with great success, having a total enrollmen 350. Secretary Hinman skilfully conducted a c on "The Trend of the Races" in the afternoon the dinner table Lloyd Lorbeer led a study in "Present Conditions in India." Matters of imp ance were brought to the attention of the yo people by means of pictures.

WHERE HIGHER CRITICISM FAILS.

If any one takes this book in hand hoping t enlightened concerning Higher Criticism, he is ing to be disappointed. Its title is rather for ding for this newer age. The writer of it inst of clarifying, confuses the matter. After ha gone through its pages if one turn to the fine ume of McFayden, "An Introductioon to the Testament," or to any of the excellent little b of Prof. Kent's "The Historical Bible," he will mediately see how unsatisfactory and even called for is a volume like this.

This however may be said about it, it will hurt the man who knows what Higher Criticism nor will it do much harm to the man who doe (The Methodist Book Concern; New York.)

IN BRIEF.

Yamasaki, the consul general of Japan to Hav says that the American people must see to it its Japanese-American citizens, those born in Am ica, are Americanized. Such Japanese he holds already loyal to this country and to no other, t sympathy is for the land in which they are born to which they belong. "They are really Americ born under the American flag; and are American heart and soul."

While we are discussing Church Union, co-op tion is going on steadily. Twenty-eight denom tions and 63 Mission Boards are all working gether harmoniously in the Home Missions Cou It means a big saving in over-lapping, a frie spirit, and a more efficient accomplishment. Protestant-Immigrant-Follow-up has been initia which is an endeavor to follow up Protestants pass through Ellis Island to their final destina in this country and to get them into touch with s Protestant church in their community.

Children's Sermons

BY WILLARD BROWN THORP

IN THE CROCODILE'S MOUTH.

have all seen pictures of the Crocodile. He much like the Alligator. He lives in the in the hottest parts of Africa. He is a very e creature. He can eat a man in two or bites; probably he could take in one of you ots at a single bite!

, the Crocodile likes to lie all day in the sun , with his mouth wide open. The air being mosquitos and other insects, they like to on his big soft tongue and suck out the But there is a little bird, very like the hum- bird, that hops right into the Crocodile's and feeds on the insects that cover his . Just as soon as the Crocodile opens his nouth, the little bird hops in. The Crocodile, he is so fierce and cruel, never hurts the ecause he knows the bird is his little friend. so they say that into the most dangerous of great cities, where thugs and burglars and ers and bootleggers abound, the Salvation lassie and the Sister of Mercy and the Red nurse can always go unharmed. The rough- iminals will not hurt them, because they they are going on some errand of human ss. They are like the little bird in the ile's mouth.

WHEN YOU ENLIST.

garet Slattery writes the story of the church he days of the apostles down to the present n readable form, for boys and girls of High age. Church history is inclined to be dry g; but Miss Slattery has successfully avoided The story she tells is interesting, really in- le to young Christians. It would be well for stors to own this little book to loan to the people as they prepare to become church rs. It would not come amiss for some of the nembers to delve a little into the same vol- (The Pilgrim Press; 75 cents.)

ENCOURAGING.

as been figured that least at $550,000,000 een given for religious work by the churches erica. Besides this amount, probably two bil- llars more have been raised, chiefly by the us people of the land, for large philanthropic . Never before has the Protestant church o generous with its gifts.

The Methodists of Illinois have 22 churches of more than 1000 members each. The Episcopal church had a net increase of 40,000 members last year. In the past two hundred years in all the world the Eastern Orthodox church has increased four times; the Roman Catholic church three times; and the Protestant church sixteen times; let those who read, understand. In spite of the warslump, the growth of the American churches for 1922 was 980,-000, which is 245,000 better than any recent gain.

ALL BUSINESS SUSPENDED.

Oregon loses one of its faithful workers in the sudden death of Rev. John L. Hershner in his home at Hood River, on January 25th.

Mr. Hershner for many years served the Portland churches and also the Hood River church. He was latterly acting as Sunday School missionary. He was ordained in 1883, having rounded out forty years in the ministry.

Because of the respect with which he was regarded in the community all business houses of Hood River were closed during the hour of his funeral.

MONDAY CLUB MEETINGS.

March 5. "The Last Word in Foreign Missions," by Mrs. Helen Street Ranney.

March 12. "Christ in the New Poetry," by Rev. Carl S. Patton of Los Angeles.

March 19. "The Pilgrim Memorial Fund," by Rev. Frank W. Hodgdon.

March 26. "Church Music," by Mrs. F. W. Hodgdon.

The subscription to the Pacific is one dollar a year in advance. What does the label on your paper say?

WANTED A PASTOR.

The Redwood City church is without a pastor. It has a new building costing $50,000. It pays a salary of $2800. Rev. C. H. Stevens was pastor of the church for over ten years and recently resigned to accept a call to another church. Any pastor on the coast not over forty-five years old, with a family, who is thinking of making a change, can address C. M. Doxsee, Clerk of the Church, Redwood City, California.

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THE USE OF LEISURE.

Norman E. Richardson in his "The Church at Play" uses the following as his text for his sermon or the foundation of his structure:—"The nation's use of its leisure is the test of its civilization; there can be no Christian civilization without the Christian use of leisure."

The social and recreational life of many communities is being cared for by an increasing number of churches through directors who give their whole time to this service. In some schools students are specializing along this line. Lectures are being delivered for the instruction of men and women who purpose entering upon this service to the community. Prof. Richardson has for several years given courses in this subject at Boston and in the Northwestern University, of whose faculty he is a member.

This recent volume from his hand is invaluable. He divides his work into two sections; the first being devoted to Principles and Methods; and the second to Source Materials for use by the Church at Play. Recreational Directors will quickly recognize the importance of the book; it has great worth also for social committees of the young people's societies. (The Abingdon Press.)

EARLY PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH.

To produce books of history which translate the New Testament story into the vernacular is a fine accomplishment. We have—some of us—become so familiar with the Bible story that it loses something of its power. Then again that history is not classified and consecutive. It is well that Frederick C. Grant has written "The Early Days of Christianity"; and that he has written it so well.

He discusses first the early church in Palestine; those incidents that took place in Jerusalem in the first days, and in Samaria and the regions near-by. Then in a second part he follows Paul throughout all his pilgrimage and service. A third part he devotes to the "Church after Paul," in which he discusses the Blood of the Martyrs. Two Centuries of Growth, and the Fathers of the Early Church. There are maps and tables of value; it is a valuable text book for young people, and older people also. (The Early Days of Christianity, by Frederick C. Grant; The Abingdon Press.)

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Riley, Pastor, Weaverville, Cal.

A BIG DRUM.

rge Indian drum, formerly owned by Old a pupil of Dr. Marcus Whitman, has been to Whitman College Museum.

two feet in diameter and one foot thick, the de was evidently stretched over the head of el. It is decorated with Indian symbols.

WHAT PRESIDENT ELIOT THINKS.

coming back of the Turks into Constantino- cording to Charles W. Elliot, President us of Harvard University, is the greatest y which has befallen civilization since the ice. He says that it is really the nullification victory which the allies gained over Germany. rs an alliance between Germany, Russia and which will mean in the future years an- nore serious and destructive war, with con- ces terrible to consider.

GLIMPSES.

man College this month is holding an inter- national conference; all the ministers from rrounding territory are guests of the college the three days meet.

H, V. Rominger of Underwood, Washington, that he has read Dr. Pond's book with much t. "We used to say we made history here on ast and back in Boston they wrote it; Dr. as the unusual experience of making history iting it at the same time."

ing Ching, who is a Chinese boy of 13 years living in Hawaii, has won the American National Essay Contest. He competed with boys and girls of America. Hats off to the

F. P. Cole, the wife of the Conference Treas- s recovering nicely from injuries received in ly part of the month while automobile riding. d a narrow escape from death. Rev. I. C. e and his wife were also in an automobile t about the same time in southern Califor- Ir. Meserve was seriously hurt, but his wife led.

LINCOLN DAY PILGRIMAGE.

annual pilgrimage of the Southern Confer- Pomona was a success; George W. Nash of ucational Foundation gave a stirring address. "Pilgrims" lunched together in the College ns, with President Blaisdell acting as toast-

r esteem anything as of advantage to thee ther makes thee break thy word or lose thy pect.

CATALOGUE OF MOTION PICTURE.

The University of California Extension Division has provided some very attractive and useful reels for use in churches. The department of visual instruction aims to be of service especially to churches and educational institutions.

Among the historical films are Julius Caesar, Spartacus, The Revolt of the Gladiators, and the Last Days of Pompeii. Catalogues may be obtained by those wishing them by writing to the department at Berkeley.

THE FIGHT AGAINST PROHIBITION.

Confronted by the consummation of a generation of heroic effort to rid the land of its worst menace and with a law upon the statute books which has already wrought incalculable improvement in the moral and economic conditions of the United States, the defenders of the old regime are promoting an almost limitless propaganda in behalf of some modification of the amendment. They face not only the gradual adjustment of the nation to the better conditions, but the awakening of Europe to the possibilities of similar action, and the spread of the temperance movement around the world.—The Christian Century.

INTERESTING.

In September of 1921 a Chinaman whose heart went out in friendly fashion toward America, erected a granite arch near Chefoo, China, and placed on it this inscription: "Dedicated and erected in honor of the citizens of the United States of America, our friends across the sea. May there be eternal peace between the two peoples. Liu Dze Heng."

At the end of the World War Marshal Foch in a speech made to his troops said: "Our efforts in this war will have been in vain, except as disinterested cooperation will take the place of hatred for the enemy."

In writing of old people Bacon says: "Men of age object too much, consult too long, adventure too little, repent too soon; and seldom drive business home to the full period, but content themselves with a mediocrity of success."

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BOOKS RECEIVED.

SOME THINGS THAT MATTER: The Science of Thinking and Living; by Lord Riddell; pages 199; price, $2.00 net. George H. Doran Company, New York.

WHERE THE HIGHER CRITICISM FAILS: A Critique of the Destructive Critics, by W. H. Fitchett; pages 191; price, $1.25 net. The Methodist Book Concern, New York.

AMERICA AND EUROPE: by Bishop Edgar Blake. Paper 29 pages; 15 cents net. The Abingdon Press, New York.

A HISTORY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN RECENT TIMES: by Arlo Ayres Brown. Pages 282; $1.25 net. The Abingdon Press, New York.

RECREATIONAL LEADERSHIP: FOR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY: by Warren T. Powell. Pages 163; 80 cents net. The Methodist Book Concern, New York.

THE BEST I REMEMBER: by Arthur Porritt, Editor of The Christian World. Pages 252; price, $3.00 net. George H. Doran Company, New York.

HE IS THE SON OF GOD: A play for Holy Week, showing the effect of the personality and deeds of Jesus upon a Jewish woman of orthodox training. Written by Linwood Taft. Paper; pages 32; price 35 cents. The Pilgrim Press, Boston.

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"Many people are not as wise as John at this point," says D. A. Hayes. "Wes that just as surely as the outsides of me are not all alike and there are black-hea and white-headed men and red-headed bald-headed men, men with a surplus of men with a minimum supply, and men w so surely the insides of men's heads ar alike.

"God made them of almost infinite Nothing could be clearer than the absolu sibility of bringing all men to think ali points, and nothing could be clearer than never intended that they should, in this their existence at least. Let us recognize and rejoice in it, for it means a fuller a revelation of God and of God's truth thr church." (Studies in Philosophy and T

SOMETHINGS TO THINK ABOU

The other day a fossil tooth of what m been an intermediate between an ape an was found of all places in the home state o Jennings Bryan. Who says there isn't a dence in the world!

Evidence has been unearthed during months that man was on the earth at leas years ago; and this in spite of the usher c in the margins of our Bibles. Let us hast that the marginal references in the Bible a spired; not even a fundamentalist believe

An effort is making in India to stir u workers to enroll in a "campaign of civil ence." We are ahead of India; we have started already, and it is mostly the aristo the bootleggers who are doing it. R middle class people are still true to the fla

It has been said that Theology is enough so long as it is legless. But pu pair of legs and then the mischief begin

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ONE GROWING CITY DISTRICT

In the '80s Chicago had 13 Cong churches; now it has 80,—with about 15, bers, and a large body of adherents bes Secretary of the Extension Society for th ports that about 60 per cent of these chu forging ahead, while about 15 per cent fering a decline.